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SUBJECT: COCOM/REVISIONS IN ITALIAN REGULATIONS

REF: A) ROME 3541; B) STATE A-42

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S THOROUGH AND TIMELY REPORT ON CHANGES IN ITALIAN TRADE REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY CORRELATING EMBASSY'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVISION (REF A) WITH ORIGINAL BATTLE ACT REPORT (REF B). THOUGH SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS, EMBASSY'S REVISIONS (B) AND (C) (REFTEL) SEEM TO SPEAK ONLY TO PENALTIES FOR IMPORT VIOLATIONS, WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE BATTLE ACT.

2. ORIGINAL PARAGRAPHS TO BE REVISED ARE: QUOTE

----- PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED UNDER ITALIAN LAW FOR VIOLATIONS OF EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT UP TO THREE MONTHS; FINES UP TO 200,000 LIRE, AND CONFISCATION OF THE MERCHANDISE INVOLVED. SUCH PENALTIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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IN CASE OF CURRENCY VIOLATIONS, MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FINES AS HIGH AS FIVE TIMES THE VALUE OF THE MERCHANDISE. PERSONS AND FIRMS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ILLEGAL EXPORT TRANSACTIONS ARE DENIED FOREIGN TRADING PRIVILEGES.

--- IRREGULARITIES UNDER THE CUSTOMS LAW MAY BE PUNISHED

BY FINES FROM 2,000 TO 20,000 LIRE, WHILE OTHER INFRAC-
TIONS MAY INCUR THE PENALTIES CONTEMPLATED BY THE PENAL
CODE. END QUOTE

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST EMBASSY SUPPLY IN PUBLISH-
ABLE FORM REVISIONS TO PARAGRAPHS CITED ABOVE (PARA 2)
FROM INFORMATION ALREADY SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
OR FROM ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE. EMBASSY'S REVISIONS
SHOULD ADDRESS PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLA-
TIONS OF THE ITALIAN EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS DESCRIBED
IN THE TEXT OF THE BATTLE ACT REPORT. DEPENDING ON THEIR
RELEVANCE TO TRADE CONTROLS, PENALTIES FOR IMPORT VIOLA-
TIONS MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED.

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